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TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title: Six (6) Month Temporary Livestock Inspector – Region 8
(up to three (3) positions available)

State Classification/Title/Salary Group: 1322 / Inspector III / B13

Veterans, Reservist or Guardsmen with an MOS or additional duties that fall in the fields of 68R- Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist, UT- Utilities man, 6033- Aircraft Nondestructive Inspection Technician, 2A7X2- Nondestructive Inspection or other related fields pertaining to the minimum experience requirements may meet the minimum qualifications for this position and are highly encouraged to apply

Additional Military Crosswalk information can be accessed at

http://www.hr.sao.state.tx.us/Compensation/MilitaryCrosswalk/MOSC_InspectorsandInvestigators.pdf

Monthly Salary Range: \$2550.00 per month

Position Location: Position's headquarters will be located in Cameron or Willacy County. Duties will cover surrounding areas.

Job Posting #: 16-35

FLSA Status: Covered

Opening Date: March 16, 2016

Closing Date: Until Filled

General Description

Performs technical and specialized work related to the Texas Fever Tick Eradication Program. Primary duties to include assisting USDA in treating white-tailed deer with ivermectin treated corn in the areas of Cameron and Willacy Counties.

Essential Job Functions

- Makes inspections for the purpose of locating and inspecting livestock which might be carrying cattle fever ticks or other exotic ticks, scabies mites, screwworm, or other foreign animal diseases.
- Performs apprehension, inspection, and treatment of unpredictable livestock in the tick infested or exposed areas of Texas.
- Inspects premises in areas that may be impacted by fever ticks or other parasitic infestations.
- Investigates additions to or losses of livestock from herd in and around the fever tick areas.
- Collects and makes tentative identification of ticks according to genus, species, stage of life cycle, sex, and sexual maturity.
- Conducts inspection, testing or treatment of livestock for diseases or conditions of animal health importance in Texas.
- Performs inspections at livestock markets, feedlots, slaughter plants, flea markets, farms and ranches, and at other locations where livestock, exotics, and poultry are gathered.
- Collects samples for testing from cattle, swine, equine, exotics, sheep, goats and poultry.
- Enforces quarantines and other livestock disease control measures, including livestock shipment activities.
- Performs periodic public education contacts with community media resources and organizations.
- Participates in emergency management activities and responses to disease outbreaks as assigned.
- Maintains accurate and detailed work activity records.

- Participates in filling deer feeders and moving bags of corn.
- Performs other duties as assigned

Education and Experience: Graduation from standard senior high school or GED. Must have general experience working with wildlife.

NOTE: Must have reliable transportation. Mileage reimbursed at current allowance rate.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: Ability to safely handle livestock; to acquire knowledge of the laws and regulations governing livestock markets, brucellosis, and other regulatory programs and to apply regulations to work activities. Must be able to establish and maintain effective working relationships with livestock producers, market owners/operators, local area emergency management coordinators, coworkers, and others involved in animal agriculture. Skilled in keeping detailed written records. Must have or be able to acquire skills in operating a laptop computer, hand-held data collection device, global positioning system (GPS), and other equipment necessary to perform job duties. Must have effective oral and written communication skills; legible handwriting; and, ability to follow oral and written instructions. Ability to travel extensively (some overnight) and to work occasional overtime as required. Regular days off fluctuate depending upon workload.

Physical Requirements: Must have arm, hand, shoulder and back strength and dexterity to be able to handle and restrain livestock, including cattle, horses, swine, small ruminants, exotic forms of livestock, and poultry. Must be able to lift and maneuver equipment such as chutes, portable pens, spraying equipment, trailers, bags of deer corn, and instruments weighing up to 50 pounds used for treating, restraining and testing large animals.

The TAHC is an emergency response agency. The Livestock Inspector position plays a key role in the agency's emergency management activities. As a first responder, this position is subject to participate in rotating temporary duty assignments away from the regular designated headquarters for up to two weeks at a time. This duty may involve working in adverse conditions; may require irregular working hours and overtime; and, may include duties other than those specified in the standard position description.

Other: Must have valid Texas driver's license and safe driving record. Employment of the selected candidate is contingent upon the receipt of an acceptable Moving Violation Record (MVR) from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

NOTE: TAHC Animal Health Inspectors cannot have personal involvement with livestock or poultry/fowl to the extent that it creates an actual or perceived conflict of interest in executing regulatory enforcement duties or in any way restricts ability to carry out disease program activities.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Completed and signed State of Texas Application for Employment must be received by the closing date, unless the position is posted "until filled." Application forms and instructions are available on our web site at www.tahc.texas.gov, or the web site of the Texas Workforce Commission at www.twc.state.tx.us. Submit fully completed and signed applications to TAHC Human Resources, P.O. Box 12966, Austin, TX 78711-2966 (2105 Kramer Lane, Austin) or email to human.resources@tahc.texas.gov. Phone **800-550-8242, ext.723 or 512-719-0723. Only interviewed applicants will receive notice of the final disposition of the selection process.**

The Texas Animal Health Commission is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability in employment or in the provision of services. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any requests for reasonable accommodation needed during the application process should be communicated by the applicant to our Human Resources Department (512) 719-0700. For a telecommunications relay service for the hearing impaired, please dial 711. At time of hire, selected applicants must show proof of eligibility to work in the U.S. in compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act. Proof of eligibility to work in the U.S. will be confirmed using E-Verify. All males who are age 18 through 25 and required to register with the Selective Service must present proof of registration or exemption from registration upon hire.

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